

**SENATE CONCURRENT  
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Dr. Gebisa Ejeta  
on being named the recipient of the World Food Prize.

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*Whereas, Gebisa Ejeta earned a master's degree in plant breeding in 1976, and a doctoral degree in genetics in 1978, both from Purdue University. Ejeta joined the Purdue faculty in 1984, working as a professor of agronomy, and as a plant breeder and geneticist;*

*Whereas, Ejeta focused his research on sorghum, one of the world's five principal cereal grains, and a major food crop for more than 500 million people on the African continent. Sorghum is as important to Africa as corn and soybeans are to the United States;*

*Whereas, As a native of Ethiopia, Ejeta saw first-hand the devastating effects of drought and Striga (a parasitic weed) on sorghum crops in his own country and several others in eastern and western Africa;*

*Whereas, After almost 15 years of research, Ejeta was able to develop sorghum varieties resistant to drought and Striga, resulting in a substantial increase in the production and availability of sorghum;*

*Whereas, As a result of his breakthrough research, Ejeta was named the recipient of the World Food Prize, an award*



*considered the Nobel Prize of agriculture;*

*Whereas, The award was handed out on June 11, 2009 at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and World Food Prize Foundation President Kenneth Quinn;*

*Whereas, Jay Akridge, the Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture at Purdue commented that, “Dr. Ejeta’s work on the development of new sorghum varieties is a powerful demonstration of the difference agricultural research can make in creating a more secure and consistent food supply for millions of people”; and*

*Whereas, Gebisa Ejeta said it was a “great honor” to win the award and that he plans to continue his research in sorghum genetics and other international development work: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

- 1           SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly congratulates Dr.
- 2           Gebisa Ejeta on being named the recipient of the World Food Prize.
- 3           SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 4           transmit a copy of this Resolution to Dr. Gebisa Ejeta.

